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The Situation.

Matters with regard to the Balkans are still in a nebulous condition. Just where the Allies are at with regard to Greece, and also Roumania, is not at all certain. The Premier of the former country has followed up King Constantine's interview with one of his own, and many observers think that the pair of them are just seeking to mark time on behalf of Germany.

Wilson's Speech.

The speech yesterday to Congress of the Chief Executive of the United States, struck a strong note on the need of national preparedness. Our neighbors have hitherto rested secure in the belief that they would be immune from any serious war menace with the broad Atlantic rolling between themselves and European conflicts.

"There are citizens of the United States, I blush to admit, born under other flags, but welcomed under our generous naturalization laws to the full freedom and opportunity of America, who have poured the poison of disloyalty into the very arteries of our national life; who have sought to bring the authority and good name of our Government into contempt, to destroy our industries wherever they thought it effective for their vindictive purposes to strike at them, and to debate our politics to the uses of foreign intrigue.

To The Editor

A TRIBUTE TO COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS—THEY DO NOT WANT THE BAR. Dear Sir,—It is often stated that "the bar" is a necessary adjunct to the hotel, and is run for the accommodation of the travelling public.

TO REGAIN HEALTH CLEANSE THE BLOOD

When your blood is impure, weak, thin and debilitated, you cannot possibly enjoy good health. Your system becomes receptive of any or all diseases, and germs are likely to lodge in some part of the body.

This is certainly plain language, but not one whit too much so. To place remedial legislation upon the statute German influence in the States is still a very potent factor in many quarters.

BULGARIANS ATTACKING ANGLI-FRENCH

German Cavalry Have Come Very Close to the Grecian Frontier.

London, Dec. 8.—The Saloniki correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company sends the following despatch under date of Tuesday: "Weather conditions having improved, the Bulgarians on Monday bombarded the entire British line at Strumitsa for the whole day. Then they launched an infantry attack, which was repulsed, although the fighting on this front still continues.

GERMANS NEAR GREECE

Paris, Dec. 8.—The Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency sends the following under date of Tuesday: "Telegrams from Florina (Greece) from an official source state that the village of Kenali, (Serbia) near the Greek frontier, has been occupied by German cavalry and that the frontier road station at Kenali has been occupied by several German and Bulgarian officers with eight German cuirassiers.

THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Sofia, Dec. 5.—Via London, Dec. 8.—(Delayed in transmission)—The following statement was given out by the Bulgarian war office today: "On both sides of the Vardar River our troops have continued the pursuit of the French, who are retreating. A column advancing north of Monastir from Monastir towards the road from Monastir to Resna, defeated the Serbians after severe fighting at Bigla Mountain and occupied the town of Resna.

Big Changes

of the income tax law applicable at \$200,000 instead of \$200,000 the whole part of the additional revenues can be raised. Taxes on gasoline, crude and refined oils, horsepower of automobiles and "various other things" are suggested as further revenue raising measures.

WORLD PRESS ON THE WAR

GREAT BRITAIN AND BALKANS. Fortnightly Review.—Does anyone doubt that we are bound to do our utmost to reconcile the interests of Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece, and that the only way was to get each Power to take such concessions as would pave the way towards a Balkan confederacy? Do anyone further assert that we were not in honor obliged to help Serbia in this crisis? If these two questions are answered in the negative, it is not easy to see what would be the result.

AUSRIA'S STUPIDITY

Philadelphia Evening Ledger: There is more stupidity than inquisitiveness in Austria's attitude. She is now without an accredited Ambassador to this country, and it seems likely that her Consul General in New York will shortly be asked to leave, or, possibly, as insistently as Doctor Jumba was asked to leave. It is true that commercially she loses nothing at this time when her imports from this country are at a minimum.

OUR MANIFEST DUTY

The Statist, London.—It is perfectly plain that it is our duty to take off the gloves and to go in seriously for the strategy that is before us. We and our Allies have complete control of the Mediterranean. Are we going to allow Germany to use her German puppets on Balkan thrones to prolong the war, and all its miseries, and to increase our debt simply out of chivalrous courtesy? Is it not, on the contrary, our plain duty to declare that we who are not with us against us, and to make sure, therefore, that we shall not only relieve Serbia while there is yet time, but that we shall be able to march upon Buda-Pesth and Vienna before many weeks are over?

WISE AFTER THE EVENT

Springfield Republican.—There is a general feeling now that instead of attacking the Dardanelles, which have been wise last spring to send an army to Serbia. Perhaps it would, though Serbia was then a poison-bred of typhus, since cleaned by American efforts to save the German advance. But there were political difficulties the force of which can perhaps even now be only partially understood, and it is not altogether a safe conclusion that such an attempt would have succeeded, dazzling as its chances may seem now that the Dardanelles campaign has failed.

WILHELM THE CRUSADER

New York Telegram.—Foiled in the West, the Kaiser has now turned his face to the East. It will be remembered about a year ago he had a dinner at the Hotel de Ville in Paris to keep. Now he's going to Constantinople, or says he is. But he's so changeable. Better put on an extra portion of pilot, however, and have him for if he arrives he'll want to climb up in the minaret and make a few remarks at sundown. Besides, the robe with the red cross of the Crusader, which is not popular in Turkey, never do for His Majesty in search of a pilsener to drop in to the Bastinado at the corner of Bowstring street.

ONE OF GERMANY'S ASSETS

The London Daily Express—"Verboten" is the German national motto. In peace, this means the curtailment of liberty to vanishing point. It breeds the habit of unhesitating obedience to authority. This has, as a consequence, uncritical loyalty and a readiness for all sacrifices. The German believes what he is told, and does what he is told. His state of mind is impossible in a democracy, and it is utterly opposed to both the French and British temperaments. It is, however, an unquestionable source of strength in time of peril. It has enabled the German General Staff to surmount difficulties and hold off disaster, and it compels us to put forth our utmost effort before we can hope for decisive triumph.

Boxing Bout.

Battleford, Sask., Dec. 8.—Billie McKenzie of Nova Scotia defeated Joe Wilson, a negro welterweight, in a scheduled twelve round boxing match last night. Wilson quit in the sixth round.

Turkish Official

By Special Wire to the Courier. Constantinople, Dec. 8.—The official statement issued today says: "On the Irak front on December 4 our troops approached Kut-el-Amar. The same night strong detachments reconnoitered on the right bank of the Tigris, and assisted by sudden firing attacked the enemy position. On the 5th our artillery bombarded the enemy positions and the neighborhood of Kut-el-Amar. "Our columns which had separately advanced east of Kut-el-Amar, directed their fire against the three transport vessels and two monitors. One monitor was set afire, two vessels were captured, besides two more freight vessels. One of the latter carried two aeroplanes and much aerial material. Although six aeroplanes were captured on this front. "On the Caucasian front on the night of the fourth we repulsed an enemy attack against our outposts in the district of Kalebagaz, capturing some prisoners. "On the Dardanelles front, near Anafarta, our artillery bombarded enemy troops who were throwing up fortifications. Near Ari Burnu an enemy cruiser, which unsuccessfully bombarded our positions, was forced by our artillery to withdraw."

LADIES' Hand Bags

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Forming New Cabinet.

Madrid, Dec. 8.—King Alfonso today consulted with the presidents of the chamber and the senate and the Liberal leader, Count Alvaro de Romanones, Senor Garcia and Marquis Manuel Prieto concerning the formation of a cabinet to take the place of the late cabinet, which resigned Sunday. To-morrow the king will see the leader of the reformists, Senor Alvarez. The opinion prevailing in political circles today was that the new cabinet would be formed from the two sections of the Liberal party under the premiership of Count Romanones.

PATRIOTIC CONCERT.

Grand Opera House, Friday Evening, December 10th. Under the patronage of the Brant Chapter, Daughters of the Empire and officers of the 84th. Be sure and get your seats at once at Boles' Drug Store. Plan is rapidly filling up. Some good seats still left at \$1.00 and 75c., and a few at 50c.

Sunk by Sub.

London, Dec. 8.—The British Steamer Commodore, which the admiralty announced had been sunk, was owned by the Charente Steamship Company, Limited, of Liverpool, it appears from the latest advices. There are several steamships of this name, but the ownership of the vessel, which was sunk, was not made clear before. The Commodore had a gross tonnage of 5,888.

Church Union in Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—The vote on church union in the Presbytery of Montreal up to date now shows a majority of 213 in favor of union. A few outlying French missions are to be heard from.

No Safe Conduct Asked.

London, Dec. 8.—The foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, announced in the House of Commons today that no application had been made to the British Government for safe conduct for Captains Karl Boy-Ed and Franz Von Papen. The secretary added that thus far safe conduct had been given in the case of Austrians or Germans, including Dr. C. T. Duménil, former Austrian ambassador at Washington, and Dr. Bernhard Dernburg. Edvard Greig, the famous composer was descended from a Scotsman, Alexander Greig, who emigrated to Norway after the battle of Culloden. Edvard Greig was aptly termed the "Chopin of the North."

HEROES OF THE SUBMARINE

Many of the devoted tars who man our submarines have been lost while carrying out their duties, but if it be true that during last year's manoeuvres the underwater craft proved their efficiency and utility without a doubt the gallant sailors who have helped to bring this about will not have given their lives in vain. It was the unselfish devotion of brave men who willingly faced the dangers of the early type that has made possible the modern submarine, which is to all intents and purposes a submersible destroyer. Time and again the crews have shown their bravery; it has been in times of disaster that the coolness of the submariners has been most noticeable, and not an accident has occurred which has not reflected credit on some one. Take the case of the explosion on A5 in Queenstown Harbor some three or four years ago. Some experimental trials were to have been undertaken, and as she was lying close to the Hazard, getting ready, a sudden explosion occurred. Volunteers were called for as they once boarded the submarine and they took off one badly injured man who had crawled up the conning tower. One man went down the conning tower while the others tried to open the hatch but the heavy door would not budge. A second explosion blew him right out and into the water. Others quickly took his place and brought out the dead and injured. One member of the A5's crew who had gone aboard the Hazard just before was among the first to enter her, and he descended into her interior seven times, although the fumes were almost unbearable.

Rural Courtship

The sons of Dutch farmers have to labour as long and as hard as any hired man. No wonder, then, that to be married and to have a farm of his own is not merely the son's comfort, but "the chief end of man." Social gatherings among the rustic folk are infrequent. The chief opportunity for courting is in the church. It is interesting to watch the ads at service. The seats are so arranged that every one can look not only at the preacher, but also at every one else, except of course those who are directly behind. So the young man settles comfortably into the family pew and lets his eyes run freely over the flock until they rest on one attractive lamb. It is not long before the girl becomes aware of his glances, and if they please her a gentle flirtation begins then and there. Reasonably sure of a favorable reception from the girl, the young man drives over to call on her. The most usual time is Saturday evening. When he reaches her home she may still be scrubbing in the milk-house, and he must somehow occupy the time with the fatter. At length she enters the room, and his embarrassment is extreme. But a pleasant smile brings back his courage, and almost in whispers he requests to see her for a moment by herself. The request is readily granted. The two pass into an adjoining room, and moments may be lengthened into minutes, half an hour, or even an hour or two. It all depends. If he has won his case, father and mother on both sides are called in. If they agree, the two become engaged and plan to marry within three or four years. Visits henceforth occur regularly every fourth day, until the last year, when they become more frequent.

The Frigate Bird.

The haunt of that remarkable creature, the frigate bird, is the southern oceans, where it makes its nest on some lonely coast or remote island. For that purpose it selects the Crozet, Ascension, or Kerguelen, along with booby gannets, "wide-awake" terns, the beautiful boatwain birds, or the queer kelp pigeon. It tears from the trees, as it flies, a few sticks, and fabricates a rude platform on top of some bush or tree, or even upon a ledge of rock, and lays and broods over a single egg—all that it needs to produce in a situation so safe and so barely protected. The frigate bird is large, its slender but powerful wings spreading at least four feet from tip to tip, while the back of the great beak to the tip held on the long forked tail. The colour is blackish, with purple and green glossings, the feet are black, the bill dusky, and the pouch, which is peculiar to the male and is inflated in flight, is scarlet, as also is a ring about the eye. The pouch indicates the close relationship of these birds to the pelicans, but their habits are more like birds of prey, and one good name for the race is man-of-war hawk.

DANGERS OF PETROL

Fortunately for the crew of the A9 when she was cruising in company with the submarine flotilla off Folkland, the engine room was protected by a conning tower when a leak of petrol took place owing to a defective valve. This suddenly got worse and the submarine's movements became erratic. Signal was made to those below to be prepared to abandon ship. The lieutenant then attempted to go below but the fumes were too strong. A petty officer with them managed to get down, but was at once overcome by unconsciousness. Wrapping their faces in damp cloths the lieutenants descended and one managed to turn off the engine, thus stopping the supply of petrol. The parent ship had noticed that several minutes ago and sent a boat, which arrived just in time for all the crew below were unconscious including one of the lieutenants who was lying across the engines, and the other officer was just succumbing to the fumes. Equally cool were the commander and crew of a Japanese submarine which was accidentally flooded more than necessary and sank, and although they pumped out the main tank and worked the hand pump until it failed the water gradually rose and drowned them. The commander sat in the conning tower and wrote a letter exhorting the crew from himself, which letter he put on himself and not on the submarine. He stated where his will would be found, described his feelings and left the door of the conning tower unlocked so that when raised the submarine could be entered without difficulty.



The Royal Loan & Savings Company

DIVIDEND NO. 98. Notice is hereby given that a DIVIDEND OF TWO PER CENT. on the paid-up Capital Stock of this Company (being at the rate of eight per cent. per annum) has been declared for the three months ending December 31st, 1915, and that the same will be payable at the office of the Company on and after January 2nd, 1916. The Transfer Books will be closed from December 20th to December 31st, both days inclusive. By order of the Board of Directors, W. G. HELLIKER, Manager. Brantford, November, 30th, 1915.

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War Message

The Germans have so often and grossly misunderstood the American attitude, they will appreciate the significance of the president's message and with however bad grace, draw back, while there is still time. The Daily Chronicle says: "After the amazing revelations of German machinations, which appear still far from complete, one would be surprised if the United States tolerated the present condition of things much longer. It would be strange if the American people did not insist on its government taking strong measures to restore security of life and property on American soil and in American ports." "Everyone will be glad that President Wilson should speak out with such admirable frankness of German intrigues. Nothing less was expected from the moment the republics which prides itself on its independence and its neutrality."

THE WORD "MAGNET"

"Magnet" is derived from the name of the city of Magnesia, in Asia Minor, where the properties of the lodestone are said to have been discovered. It has, however, been asserted that the name comes from the discovered magnetic power by being held on Mount Ida, in Greece, by the attraction for the nails in his shoes.

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LOCAL

HOCKEYISTS TO ORGANIZE. A meeting of the Brantford Hockey Club will be held at the C. A. on Monday evening, at 8 o'clock, and all junior and intermediate players are urged to be on hand. A special is made to all hockey players living to the 8th and 15th B to come.

CLOSING EXERCISES

Some of the junior grades Alexandra school are holding their Christmas closing exercises Saturday next between 3 and afternoon. The parents and friends being invited to attend. Pils and teachers are anticipated. The kiddies will be candy on hand for those who are invited, and the program undoubtedly be interesting.

CARPETBALL

A closely contested game of ball was played Monday evening at the Borden Club when the 1st team, captained by Borden No. 1 team by the club of 112 to 109. The home team 14 points in the first half, but 10 points in the second half. W. Hamburg, the winners and Harry King impartial referee.

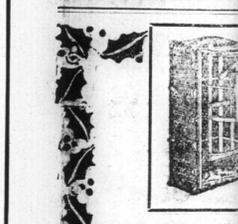
ELM AVE. LADIES AID

The regular monthly meeting of the Elm Ave. Ladies' Aid was on Wednesday, Dec. 1st, at the home of Mrs. H. E. Craddock. A regular routine of business was held. They also made arrangements for an ice cream and coffee room. Home made baking and fancy goods, aprons, quilts, etc. were offered for sale.



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